FISCAL NOTE

SB 535 - HB 657

April 4, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases from \$2,500 to \$3,000 the limit on purchases, and leases or lease purchase agreements that may be made by municipalities without public advertisement and competitive bid. Specifies that purchases, leases or lease purchases of less than \$3,000 (rather than \$2,500 as under current law) but more than \$1,500 (rather than \$1,000 as under current law) may be made in the open market without public advertisement but whenever possible with competitive bidding. Specifies that purchases, leases, or lease purchases of \$1,500 or less (rather than \$1,000 as under current law) shall not require advertisement or competitive bidding.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Local Govt. Expenditures - Net Impact - Not Significant

Estimate assumes local governments will experience a decrease in expenditures from administrative costs associated with publishing advertisements for bids and accepting competitive bids for those purchases that will no longer require such procedure under the provisions of the bill. This decrease may be offset by higher costs for some items or services which are no longer competitively bid. The impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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